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PBCC to celebrate first class of students in new bachelor's degree program Aug. 24

WHAT: The first crop of students in Palm Beach Community College's new bachelor's degree program will make history when they begin their classes Aug. 24. Five hundred students have been accepted into the College's first Bachelor of Applied Science degree program, and more than 340 are enrolled in courses for the fall term.

PBCC will celebrate this historic moment in its 76-year history with a ribbon cutting at the entrance to two classrooms in the Technical Education building where the bachelor's degree program is housed. The demand for the program, which drew 667 applicants, has been much greater than college leaders expected for the first year. PBCC received approval from the Florida Board of Education in February 2008 to offer the degree with tracks in health, public safety or business administration.

WHO: Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, PBCC president
Dr. Magdala Ray, dean of baccalaureate studies
Dr. David Gossman, professor of business management
Dr. Lam Nguyen, professor of business management
B.A.S. degree program students

WHEN: 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 24.

WHERE: PBCC at Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave., Technical Education (TE) building Rooms 208 and 204 (The Technical Education building is east of the Natural Science building, which faces Congress Ave.)

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About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 49,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.